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SUBJECT : JOINT COMMUNIQUE

AT CLOSE OF SHORT VISIT OF EGYPTIAN PRESIDENT SADAT TO
BAHRAIN FEBRUARY 27, THE FOLLOWING JOINT COMMUNIQUE WAS
ISSUED TO THE PRESS (EMBASSY INFORMAL TRANSLATION):

QTE DURING THE VISIT, DISCUSSION BETWEEN THE TWO LEADERS
TOOK PLACE REGARDING THE CURRENT ARAB SITUATION, THE MIDDLE
EAST AND PALESTINE QUESTIONS, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND BILATERAL
RELATIONS. THE AMIR OF BAHRAIN EXPRESSED HIS FULL SUPPORT FOR
PRESIDENT SADAT'S POLICY OF REACHING A JUST AND PERMANENT
PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST ON THE BASIS OF THE WITHDRAWAL OF
ISRAELI FORCES FROM ALL ARAB-OCCUPIED LANDS AND RESTORATION
OF THE LEGAL RIGHTS OF THE PALESTINIANS INCLUDING THEIR RIGHT
TO SELF-DETERMINATION OF THEIR DESTINY AND RETURN TO THEIR LANDS.

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THE TWO LEADERS AGREED TO CONTINUE MOVING TOWARDS THIS

TARGET AND PREVENTING ALL ATTEMPTS AIMED AT FREEZING THE SITUATION IN THE AREA. THEY HAVE ALSO AGREED ON THE IMPORTANCE OF CALLING THE GENEVA PEACE CONFERENCE AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE WITH THE PARTICIPATION OF ALL CONCERNED PARTIES, INCLUDING PALESTINE LIBERATION ORGANIZATION, THE ONLY LEGAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE.

THE TWO LEADERS AGREED THAT THE PLO SHOULD CONTINUE TO REPRESENT THE PALESTINIANS, A POLICY WHICH WAS APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY BY THE SEVENTH ARAB SUMMIT MEETING HELD IN RABAT IN OCTOBER 1974.

THE TWO LEADERS ALSO DISCUSSED THE SITUATION IN LEBANON AND EXPRESSED THEIR VIEW OF THE IMPORTANCE OF PRESERVING LEBANON'S INDEPENDENCE, SOVEREIGNTY, ITS UNITY AND ITS ARAB CHARACTER AND ITS COOPERATION WITH THE PALESTINIAN RESISTANCE. THE TWO LEADERS ALSO DISCUSSED THE SITUATION BETWEEN THE KINGDOM OF MOROCCO AND MAURITANIA ISLAMIC REPUBLIC ON THE ONE SIDE AND ALGERIA ON THE OTHER. PRESIDENT SADAT DESCRIBED THE MEDIATION EFFORTS MADE BY HIM THROUGH HIS DEPUTY. BOTH LEADERS AGREED ON THE IMPORTANCE OF PREVENTING AND AVOIDING MILITARY CONFRONTATION BETWEEN BROTHERS IN ORDER TO PROVIDE THE OPPORTUNITY FOR THE THREE COUNTRIES TO DISCUSS THE SITUATION AMONG THEMSELVES AND ACHIEVE THE AIM OF ALL ARAB NATIONS TO PROTECT THEIR LANDS, RIGHTS AND FUTURE OF THEIR PEOPLE.

THE TWO LEADERS EXPRESSED THEIR SATISFACTION WITH THE STATE OF RELATIONS BETWEEN THEIR COUNTRIES AND PLEDGED TO ENDEAVOR TO DEVELOP THEM IN A WAY THAT WOULD ACHIEVE THE UTMOST INTERESTS OF BOTH THEIR PEOPLES.

AMIR SHAIKH ISA ACCEPTED THE INVITATION OF PRESIDENT SADAT TO VISIT EGYPT IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

REPLYING TO THE PRESS ON THE PURPOSE OF HIS VISIT TO THE AREA, PRESIDENT SADAT SAID THAT IT IS TO MEET WITH HIS BROTHERS AND ACQUAINT THEM WITH THE SITUATION IN ALL ITS DETAIL. HE SAID THAT HE HAD EXPLAINED TO AMIR SHAIKH ISA ALL THE DETAILS OF THE EGYPTIAN SITUATION FROM THE POLITICAL AS WELL AS THE ECONOMIC POINT OF VIEW. THE AMIR WAS VERY UNCLASSIFIED

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UNDERSTANDING OF THE EGYPTIAN SITUATION. END QTE
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